

# 4 Million Autos Now In County

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**SACRAMENTO** —Los Angeles County had a total of 4,074,250 motor vehicles registered during 1966, the state Department of Motor Vehicles reported.  
 This included 3,365,393 automobiles, 420,402 trucks, 280,168 trailers, 112,846 motorcycles, and 37,137 vehicles which were exempt from registration.  
 For the state there were 11,333,337 vehicles registered, which included 153,540 exemptions from from registration.



**FATHER'S TREAT** ... Owner Ralph Wood of the recently opened Admiral Risty restaurant at 21350 Palos Verdes Drive West (near Hawthorne) serves salad for his family in the Admiral Risty manner. Hosts at each table serve guests as much salad and dressing as desired.

**THE BREAKDOWN** statewide included 8,627,296 automobiles, 1,495,779 trucks, 1,033,797 trailers, and 315,433 motorcycles. The biggest gain was in motorcycles, where the increase of 46,341 was a jump of more than 17 per cent.

Auto registrations were up 2.2 per cent, trucks up 4.4 per cent and trailers showed a gain of 3.5 per cent. Total registration gains were considerably lower than in previous years. In 1964, California had a 7.2 per cent increase, followed by a 6 per cent increase in 1965.

**TOM BRIGHT**, director of motor vehicles, said revenue from registration fees hit a new high of \$364 million, an increase of 7.3 per cent from 1965.

"The increased revenue also reflects the \$1 per vehicle increase in the basic registration fee, which was first levied in 1966," Bright said.

This fee was increased, and will be increased another \$1 this year and another \$1 in 1968 for a total increase of \$3. The money is being used to finance a doubling of the uniformed strength of the California highway patrol.

Films and speakers are available to any clubs and organization by contacting your nearest heart office. It's your belief in the Heart Cause that makes it so. So give to the Heart Fund this month and it will do your Heart good.

## Cub Pack 966C Honors Retiring Den Mothers

Three retiring Den mothers and the committee chairman for Cub Scout Pack 966C have been honored by the pack, which is sponsored by the Meadow Park School PTA.

The retiring Den mothers are Carolyn Zimmerman, Joan Larson, and Wilma Coy. They received Thanks Awards from the Scouts at a Pack meeting last month. Earl Kaplan, outgoing committee chairman, also was honored.

Achievement awards were presented during the meeting and two Cubs, Clyde Cummings and Norman, were advanced to Webelos.

The following awards were presented: Wolf badges — Richard Lane and Clayton Lilley; Bear badge — David Sherod; Lion badges — Clyde Cummings, David Sherod, and Norman Coy; Silver arrows — Brian Cambra, Steve Williams, Mark Zimmerman,

## Supervisors Order Plans For Hospital

Final plans and specifications for the new County Southeast General Hospital in the Watts-Willowbrook area are being prepared by architects, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said today.

The 394-bed hospital will be built on a 30-acre site at 120th Street and Wilmington Avenue. An allocation of some \$8.4 million federal funds has been approved to partially finance the project.

## New Jersey Lab Opened by Firm

Analysts, Inc., a Torrance-based firm which diagnoses problems in land, sea, and air engines by lube oil analysis, has opened a new laboratory in Linden, N. J. Edward Forgeron, president, said the laboratory is the first of its kind on the East Coast.

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**TOP PRIZE** ... A complete exterior paint job was the grand prize won by Mrs. Buelah Jordan during the grand opening of the new Golden State Paint Center at 1731 S. Crenshaw Blvd. Mrs. Jordan, director of Southwest Counseling Services at 7323 Crenshaw Blvd., chose to have the counseling center

Painted. The non-profit service offers normal persons help with their normal problems through classes in human relations and lectures by psychologists, as well as through personal counseling. Walt's Painting and decorating of Gardens applied the paint.

## Full Information Needed On Claims for Medicare

If you are about to send in your first medicare claim for repayment of doctor bills you have paid, a visit to the Torrance Social Security Office may help to prevent a delay in payment, Miles Davis, district manager in Torrance, said today.

Davis said that in the past some medicare payments for doctor bills have been delayed because some simple but important bit of information did not go to the medicare carrier with the request for payment.

"To make sure payment will not have to be delayed while the carrier writes back for missing information," Davis said, "we invite beneficiaries to bring their first claim to the social security office before they send it to the carrier."

HE STRESSED that the Torrance office will be glad to answer questions about any claim, but that the first

claim an individual beneficiary makes is the one on which he is likely to need some help.

There are two methods of claiming payment for doctor bills under medicare.

Under one, the doctor bills the patient for whatever part of the \$50 deductible has not been paid, plus 20 per cent of the rest of the bill. He then claims the remaining 80 per cent from the medicare carrier.

**UNDER THE** second method method, the patient pays the doctor and requests repayment from the medicare carrier that the bill has been paid, the beneficiary must include an itemized receipted bill from the doctor, or the doctor must show the necessary information on the request for payment form.

"The first time a beneficiary has a claim under this second method," Davis said, "we suggest that he let us re-

view it and make sure it is complete before he sends it to the carrier. Of course, if he prefers, he can send it directly to the carrier."

"If an older person in the Torrance area wants us to review his request for payment but is unable to come to the office at 1408 Crenshaw Blvd., he may send the claim to us by mail with a telephone number, and we will call him if we see any problems," Davis said.

## Ballet Class To Begin in Redondo Beach

A beginning ballet class will be sponsored by the Redondo Beach Recreation and Parks Department beginning Wednesday. Classes will meet at Lincoln School, 2323 Plant Ave., Redondo Beach.

A fee of \$4 will be charged for the eight-week program. Classes will meet at 4 p.m. and registration will be held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Sylvia Wanner will be the instructor.

## Telephone Rate Hike Protested

A proposed telephone rate increase by Pacific Telephone Co. could cost taxpayers an additional \$500,000, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has declared.

Hahn protested the rate increase on behalf of the hundreds of thousands of citizens who can't go to San Francisco and state their case to the Pacific Utilities Commission.

He claimed the rate increase, if approved by the commission, would virtually double the telephone bill in many homes.

Pacific Telephone Co. has asked for increases totaling some \$181 million which would increase the one-party residential rate in Los Angeles from \$3.85 to \$5.75 per month.

The Board of Supervisors has called for a complete report on the effect of the proposed increase on the county's telephone bill before taking any formal action in protest.

"I don't see why we need a lot of reports when the telephone company has already outlined its rate increase," Hahn declared.

## Small Business Problems Topic for Lecture Series

A University of California lecture course in Small Business Management will be offered managers and owners of small businesses — less than 500 employees — beginning Wednesday at North High School.

The eight lectures, which begin at 7 p.m., will explore major management functions in the fields of manufacturing, marketing, service, and construction and common

problems such as competition, efficiency, cost control, profit margin, and personnel.

Guest lecturers, all consultants and specialists, will lead discussions after speaking on various aspects of "Managing Your Small Business."

Further information may be obtained from University of California Extension, 362B W. 182nd St.

## Veteran Must File Claim By April 17

Veteran exemption claims will be accepted through Monday, April 17, according to County Assessor Phil Watson. The mailing of veteran exemption claim forms to every veteran who received the exemption last year has been completed.

To be eligible for the exemption, which allows a \$1,000 reduction in assessed value, the veteran must either have been a resident of California as of Nov. 3, 1964, or have entered the service from California. His assets cannot exceed \$5,000 if single, or \$10,000 if married.

Veterans filing for the first time must appear in person at any assessor's office, bringing with him a copy of his honorable discharge and, if he owns real property, his deed or other proof of ownership.



**25 YEARS** ... Mrs. Bettye M. Duncan, 4919 Cadison St., has completed 25 years of service at the General Telephone Co. Mrs. Duncan, a group chief operator in the South Bay Division, received a gold pin with a diamond in commemoration of the anniversary. She joined the nationwide firm in Gloversville, N. Y., in 1944.

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## CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

Alexander "Sandy" McEachern built an audio-oscillator — more than an intriguing scientific project, it is a gift of "light" to his blind friend, Robert Hulla.

As an extra credit project for his Future Teachers course, Sandy wanted to create something really meaningful. The tiny, transistorized audio-oscillator became much more than a scientific accomplishment. It added a new dimension of sensitivity to his friend's world, enabling him to sense light without the use of his eyes.

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